

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

National Chicken Council, et al.

Plaintiff(s)

Case No.: 4:24-cv-03786

vs.

Tom Vilsack, in his official capacity as Secretary of Agriculture, et al.

Defendant(s)

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Texas

National Chicken Council, Meat Institute, Southwest  
Meat Association, and Texas Broiler Council

*Plaintiff(s)*

v.

Tom Vilsack, in his official capacity as SECRETARY  
OF AGRICULTURE, and Bruce Summers, in his  
official capacity as ADMINSTRATOR of the  
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

*Defendant(s)*

Civil Action No. 4:24-cv-03786

## SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

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Attorney General of the United States  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

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Aaron R. Crane  
HOGAN LOVELLS US LLP  
609 Main Street, Suite 4200  
Houston, Texas 77002  
(713) 632-1446

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

Date: October 9, 2024



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